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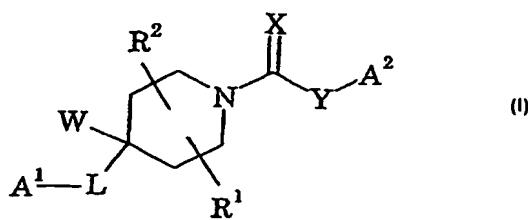
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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (I): wherein: A<sup>1</sup> is phenyl, a six-membered aromatic heterocycle containing one, two or three nitrogen atoms, or a five-membered aromatic heterocycle containing up to four heteroatoms chosen from O, N and S, at most one heteroatom being O or S; A<sup>2</sup> is phenyl, a six-membered aromatic heterocycle containing one, two or three nitrogen atoms, or a five-membered aromatic heterocycle containing up to four heteroatoms chosen from O, N and S, at most one heteroatom being O or S; L is a bond or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylene; R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> independently chosen from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> may, together, form a methylene or ethylene bridge; W is halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, haloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy or haloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy; X is O, S or NR<sup>3</sup> or X, together with the atom to which it is attached, and Y, form an unsaturated five-membered ring together with A<sup>2</sup>; Y is a bond, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylene, NH or NH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; other substituents are defined in claim 1; which are useful as therapeutic compounds, particularly in the treatment of pain and other conditions ameliorated by the modulation of the function of the vanilloid-1 receptor (VR1).